

Biography

97th AIR MOBILITY WING

U.S. Air Force (AETC)

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COLONEL MICHELLE D. JOHNSON

Colonel Michelle D. Johnson is commander, 97th Operations Group, Altus Air Force Base, Okla. As commander, she is responsible to the wing commander for administrative and training support to as many as 3,000 C-5, KC-135 and C-17 students at Air Education and Training Command's Air Mobility Training Center.

Colonel Johnson entered the Air Force May 27, 1981 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. She is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours.

EDUCATION:

- 1981 Bachelor of science degree in operations research, U.S. Air Force Academy, distinguished graduate, Rhodes Scholar.
- 1983 Master of arts degree in politics and economics, Oxford University, England.
- 1987 Squadron Officer School in residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1991 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1996 Air War College by correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Master of science degree in national security strategy, National War College in residence, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.



ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1981 – May 1983, graduate student, Brasenose College, Oxford University, England.
2. June 1983 – July 1984, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
3. August 1984 – October 1984, C-141 initial qualification training, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
4. November 1984 – July 1989, C-141 instructor aircraft commander, wing plans officer, command post duty officer, squadron executive officer, 41st Military Airlift Squadron, 437th Military Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
5. August 1989 – May 1992, assistant professor of political science, T-41 instructor pilot, associate air officer commanding, U.S. Air Force Academy.
6. June 1992 – June 1994, Air Force aide to the president, The White House, Washington D.C.
7. July 1994 – July 1998, KC-10 instructor pilot, flight commander, operations officer,

- squadron commander (June 1996 – July 1998), 9th Air Refueling Squadron, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Twice deployed commander, 4413th Air Refueling Squadron (Provisional), Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.
8. August 1998 – June 1999, student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
 9. July 1999 – March 2000, deputy commander, 97th Operations Group, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
 10. March 2000 - present, commander, 97th Operations Group, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight Hours: More than 3,500
Aircraft Flown: C-5, C-141B, T-41C, KC-10A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 27, 1981
First Lieutenant	May 27, 1983
Captain	May 27, 1985
Major	October 1, 1991
Lieutenant Colonel	February 1, 1995
Colonel	May 1, 1999

(Current as of August 2001)